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My dear Talmage:

I was more than delighted that you were able to visit us— I certainly profited a great deal from it.

Enclosed is a preliminary draft of my own ms., not greatly improved I am afraid. I will spend what time I can this week in polishing it up in hopes of sending you a final draft before I leave Friday. (I'll be back about the 18th). If it suits you, I will be very happy if you would send it to Science together with your own, and a note explaining the coincidence. The arrangement appeals to me in so far as I had planned to send mine in to Science anyhow, and at the least it saves part of the exposition to refer handily to yours. I suggest that you do write something to the effect that these were not written in mutual contemplation, but gladly leave that to your discretion.

It would not displease me to have another look at the mss, after I get back, but I don't want to hold you up, and there may be a chance for some revision if necessary (possibly not) after review or in proof.

If we had some practical way to bring Burnet into the act too, we might well use one issue of Science for THE theory of ABF, stated 3 or so different ways. Anyhow it is fun.

Hastily,

Joshua Lederberg